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In Plants

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following patents and/or other documents which may be material to the examination of this application. The Examiner is urged to consider these documents and make them of record in this application. This submission is not intended to constitute an admission of any kind, and in particular is not an admission that any patent, or other document referred to herein constitutes a printed publication or is otherwise properly citable as prior art with respect to this application. No representation is made that a search has been conducted or that no more material information than that cited herein exists. Accordingly, this submission is not intended to take the place of the Examiner's own independent search of the art.

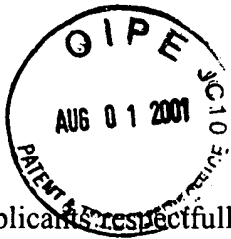
A copy of each of these documents, or translation or abstract as appropriate, is attached. Another copy of the Bourbonnais Applied and Environmental Microbiology reference, which was incomplete, has been ordered. Please note the partial translation of WO 97/45549 is not certified.

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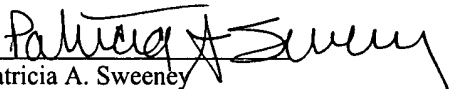
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